Earning of excise revenue from Beedi, Cigarette and Tobacco Products

3493. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the excise revenue earned by Government on beedi, cigarette and other tobacco products respectively during the last three financial years;

(b) whether there has been a steep increase in excise revenues from virginia tobacco products;

(c) if so, the details of the comparative increase as compared to other products in the same sector;

(d) whether any special fund will be released to Andhra Pradesh from excise earned on virginia tobacco; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Details of excise revenue, comprising basic excise duty, additional duty of excise in lieu of sales tax and cess, collected on biri, cigarette and other tobacco, products during the last three financial years are given in the Annexure. Virginia tobacco is used in the manufacture of cigarettes. The details of increase in revenue from cigarettes and other tobacco products are also given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Statement

Revenue from tobacco products during the last three financial years:

(Rs. in crore)

Product	Duty	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96*
Cigarettes	BED‡	1867.66	1756.76	2308.61
	AED‡	871.91	986.14	1134.12
	TOTAL	2739.57	2742.90	3442.73
			(Insignificant)	(25%)
Biris	BED	159.79	161.36	159.00
	AED	46.73	46.69	48.59
	CESS	13,01	11.92	15.07
	TOTAL	219.53	219.97	222.66
			(Insignificant)	(1%)
Other Tobacco Products	BED	137.31	491.95	330.60
	AED	30.27	44.45	55.01
	TOTAL	167.58	536.40	385.61
			(221%)	(−28%)
Total for all Tobacco products	TOTAL	3126.68	3499.27	4051.00
			(12%)	(16%)

‡ BED: Basic excise duty, AED: Additional duty of excise in lieu of sales tax

* The revenue figures for 1995-96 are provisional.

Note : The figures in brackets indicate increase over previous year.